

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 5, 2012

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH COMMUNITY



WORLD DAY  
*for Consecrated Life*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

January 31, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population—and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *forced* to offer their employees’ health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren

deserve nothing less.

And therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience), to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

With best wishes and prayers, I am  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend George J. Lucas  
Archbishop of Omaha

### ~Fr. Pat’s comments~

I want to be fully supportive of Archbishop Lucas because the principal remains the same in what the government is demanding of the Church regarding coverage of health concerns that are adjudged to be immoral or morally wrong, eg: contraception, sterilization, morning after pills as well as the new abortion pill. I believe that we Catholics need to remind our fellow Catholics who serve in the Congress to stand up for the defense of conscience in this matter. Unfortunately, and I speak here as a Democrat, some of our Catholic brothers and sisters in government fully support the government policy. I could be wrong but it seems that Kathleen Sebelius, the head of HHS, a Catholic who has been told not to receive Communion because of her defense of abortion, is a scorned woman whose wrath we Catholics now have to endure again.

I suggest that we all go into our computers and find out which members of Congress are Catholics and to write them a brief note about the above and ask them to defend Catholic conscience in this matter and in other matters that will come up.

Let us hope that Catholic action can change that policy.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Pat McCaslin

## CONTRIBUTIONS LAST SUNDAY

January 29, 2012

Sunday Collection: \$ 10,541

Dollar Collection \$ 584

Pillar Society \$195,673

(commitment to date)

Donations this week \$ 1,046

## Baptisms

Our *Welcome Your Child* Baptism preparation program consists of two mandatory sessions, each lasting two hours. All registered parents having a child baptized will be required to attend, even if they have had a child baptized before. Please plan to attend classes **after** your child has been born.

**Please call the Parish Office at 895-0808 to sign up for classes.**

### Upcoming Classes:

Sunday, February 5th and Tuesday, February 7th

Sunday, March 4th and Tuesday, March 6th

**\*THERE WILL BE NO APRIL CLASSES OR BAPTISMS\***

*Class on Sunday begins after the 9:30am Mass, class on Tuesday begins at 7:00pm.*

*Please meet downstairs in the Education Center, Rm 9.*

**Cost: \$5 per couple for materials fee.**

### Upcoming Baptisms:

Sunday, February 12th at 9:30 Mass

Sunday, March 11th at 9:30 Mass

### Expectant Parent Blessing:

Sunday, February 12th at 11:30 Mass

## THAT MAN IS YOU!

Saturdays, 7:30am-8:45am, Ars Room

**Feb. 11th Topic:** Becoming a Man after God's Own Heart

*Our Lenten Journey \*The Fate of the 3 Seeds*

*\*Orientations and Obstacles of the Spiritual Life*

*\*That You Would Bear Fruit \*Evaluating Your Spiritual Life Please join us!*



All Catholic men of the parish, 18 and older are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Our fish fry's will be starting February 17th. Now is a great time to join us! **\*\*If anyone else is interested in working the fish fry's with us, we'd be glad to have you. Need service hours? We can always find work for you. \*\***

## The Nurse's Station

You Can Be Tobacco Free!

Tobacco use remains the number one cause of preventable death in the U.S. Nicotine, found in cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, is very addictive. This can make it challenging to quit. Once you decide to quit, **START** with these 5 steps to increase your chances of success.

**S**-Set a quit date.

**T**-Tell family, friends and coworkers that you plan to quit and ask for their support.

**A**-Anticipate and plan for the challenges you will face. Identify triggers for tobacco use and plan what you will do instead.

**R**-Remove tobacco products from your home, car and work. Buy lollipops, cinnamon toothpicks, carrot sticks, etc. to keep your hands and/or mouth occupied.

**T**-Talk to your doctor about quitting. There are several medications that can assist you in the process.

Remember that quitting tobacco use is not easy. God loves you where you are, right now, and nothing will change that. God will be with you and support you every step of the way. For more info about START or quitting tobacco use, go to [www.smokefree.gov](http://www.smokefree.gov), call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or talk to your faith community nurse.

The Church's position on the matter of abortion is unambiguous. The child in his or her mother's womb is a human life which must be protected. Abortion, which is the destruction of an innocent unborn child, is contrary to God's will, for the value and dignity of human life must be protected from contraception to natural death. The Church...must be committed to offering help and support to women and couples tempted to seek an abortion, while remaining close to those who have had this tragic experience and helping them to grow in respect for life. She acknowledges the courage of governments that have legislated against the culture of death—of which abortion is a dramatic expression—in favour of the culture of life.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Exhortation *Africae Munus* (70), November 19, 2011

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## 895-0896

### Spring Break

No Religious Ed classes on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Ministry Team will be participating in an online/video workshop.

### Hope for Haiti Lenten Project

Religious Ed children will be raising funds for Flower of Hope School in Hinche, Haiti this year. They will sponsor a bake sale at the Fish Frys and collect donations after Masses during Lent. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

### Religious Ed 2012-2013

Registration for next year will begin in March. There will be two sessions on Wednesday evenings: Grades 1-6 at 4:15p-5:30p and Grades 1-8 at 6:15p-7:30p. PreK and Kindergarten will be during the 9:30a Mass on Sundays.

### PreKindergarten and Kindergarten

February 12: NO CLASSES

February 19: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at 9:30a

February 26: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at 9:30a

March 4: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at 9:30a

March 11: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at 9:30a

### Wednesday Religious Education:

February 8: NO CLASSES; Religious Ed Ministry Team workshop

February 15: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions

February 22: Ash Wednesday ~ see bulletin for Mass times

February 29: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions

March 7: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion

### CLASSY SENIORS



**REMINDER** for those who reserved their place for the Valentine lunch, the count has been turned in to Valentino's. Luncheon is Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the social hall.

Seven Oaks at Notre Dame, Affordable Housing for Seniors sponsored by the Notre Dame sisters, is having Open House for the public, evenings from 5pm to 6pm every Monday of February. Those interested in touring the historic renovation of Notre Dame Motherhouse into apartments are asked to come to the West entrance of 3515 State St. If you have any questions you can call 402-451-4477 and ask for Glenn or Sr. Marie Alice Ostry.

### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

#### 31 Club Members

Monday, Feb. 6: B. Bonner

Tuesday, Feb. 7: C. Smith, D. Klitz

Wednesday, Feb. 8: R. Dolton, R. Jeltema, K. Martinez

Thursday, Feb. 9: R. Byrnes

Friday, Feb. 10: E. & R. Jarosz, B. Guilfoyle, R. & M. Pierson

Saturday, Feb. 11: E. Archer, L. Inzerello, C. Schipporeit

Sunday, Feb. 12: P. Friend, C. Agbozo

It's easy to participate. Pick a date and attend an extra Mass each month on that date to pray for an increase in vocations.

For more information on how you can become a member of the 31 Club please call the office at 895-0808 or email [mjohnson@sjvomaha.org](mailto:mjohnson@sjvomaha.org).

Are you the mother, father, grandparent, family member, medical personnel or counselor involved in an abortion? Are you suffering from an abortion experience? **PROJECT RACHEL** offers spiritual and psychological healing. Call 1-800-964-3787 for a referral for private, sensitive and confidential counseling and/or reconciliation. More information is available online at [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).




## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Monday, February 6th**  
 8:00pm Al Anon-Room 8
- Tuesday, February 7th**  
 1:00pm Pinochle-Family Room  
 7:00pm Welcome Your Child class-Ed. Center  
 7:30pm AA meeting-Youth Room
- Wednesday, February 8th**  
 NO RE CLASSES
- Thursday, February 9th**  
 10:00am Al Anon meeting-Youth Room  
 6:30pm RCIA  
 7:30pm Adult Choir-Church
- Saturday, February 11th**  
 7:30am That Man Is You-Ars Room  
 8:00am Cleaning Crew  
 9:00am Youth Choir-Church
- Sunday, February 12th**  
 8:00am Monthly Breakfast  
 9:30am Baptisms


*“On behalf of the EPS moms, babies and staff, thank you for your generous donation of material resources.”*

Essential Pregnancy Services

 *Please continue to pray for our military men & women and their families, including our SJV military family members who are listed in our glass trophy case.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, February 6th**  
 7:00am † Kathryn Plourde  
 9:00am † Living & deceased of Pat Fox family
- Tuesday, February 7th**  
 7:00am † Catherine Sausedo  
 9:00am † Bobby Kirkland
- Wednesday, February 8th**  
 7:00am † Amanda Castenguay  
 9:00am † Helen Linder
- Thursday, February 9th**  
 7:00am For the poor souls in purgatory  
 9:00am † Angela Ring
- Friday, February 10th**  
 7:00am † Anne Waldron  
 9:00am Intention of the Privitera family
- Saturday, February 11th**  
 7:00am For the intention of all the sick  
*6th Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
 5:30pm † Lillian Schaben
- Sunday, February 12th**  
 7:30am † Mary Patricia Rohan  
 9:30am For the living parishioners  
 11:30am † James Beveridge

 Please remember in your prayers all our loved ones who have passed away recently, especially David Feterl, nephew of Ken Kass. *If you have a loved one who has recently passed away and would like their names listed, please call the parish office.*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

2/11-12	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 7:30am	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Jack	Fr. Jack	Fr. Pat	Fr. Pat
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	1. T. Gloe 2. J. Choi 3. K. Janousek	1. B. Cannella 2. J. Kronschnabel 3. R. Epp	1. B. Lichter 2. C. Luczynski 3. C. Wardian	1. L. Sanford 2. F. Telich 3. M. Neal
<b>C. Jenkins</b> to Millard Manor <b>H. Willman</b> to Good Samaritan	4. D. Cosgrove 5. C. Potter 6. S. Gloe 7. J. Samson 8. K. Rueschhoff 10. D. Laferriere	4. K. Epp 5. J. Savage 6. M. Drew 7. R. Laughlin 8. R. Milan 10. R. Polak	4. M. Johnson 5. E. Navin 6. M. Mickells 7. C. Thramer 8. M. Olson 10. D. Henning	4. Volunteer 5. R. Peterson 6. J. Bemis 7. B. Brown 8. R. Balwanz 10. K. Mazur
<b>Lectors</b>	1. P. Mategrano 2. D. Mattox	1. B. Jones 2. M. Pierson	1. C. Slavik 2. P. Fuller	1. G. DiDonato 2. B. Menousek
<b>Servers</b>	1. M. Lavelle 2. N. Waller	1. B. Towne 2. J. Towne	1. C. Fuller 2. A. Fuller	1. D. Grothe 2. S. Franco
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Anthony & Mary Perry	Don & Marie Kramer	Dan & Kathy Loveless	Mike Nelson Family

## Looking Ahead



- February 5** Pizza/cookie dough pick up
- February 12** Monthly Breakfast
- February 17** KC's "Pre Lent" Dinner
- February 22** Ash Wednesday

## Help Lines

Alcoholics Anonymous.....	556-1880
AL-ANON.....	553-5033
Domestic Abuse.....	558-5700
Gamblers Anonymous.....	978-7557
Parents Asst. Line.....	397-9909
Project Rachel.....	1-800-964-3787
<b>Prayer Request Line...call the parish office or email <a href="mailto:sjvprayerline@hotmail.com">sjvprayerline@hotmail.com</a></b>	

# PASTORAL DIRECTORY

## MASSES

Monday-Friday ..... 7:00am & 9:00am  
 Saturday..... 7:00am & 5:30pm  
 Sunday ..... 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

## PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office ..... (402) 895-0808  
 Religious Education Office..... (402) 895-0896  
 Fax..... (402) 932-1336  
**E-mail address ..... [mjohnson@sjvomaha.org](mailto:mjohnson@sjvomaha.org)**  
**Web Site..... [www.sjvomaha.org](http://www.sjvomaha.org)**  
**Facebook ..... search for Official St. John Vianney Catholic Church Omaha Group**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:00am-9:00pm  
 Friday..... 8:00am-5:00pm  
 Saturday..... 10:00am-4:00pm

## PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Pat McCaslin ..... Pastor  
 Fr. Jack Cuddigan, S.J..... Assistant Pastor  
 Fr. Dennis McNeilly, S.J..... Assistant Pastor  
 Joseph Choi..... Deacon  
 John Kronschnabel..... Deacon  
 Chuck Luczynski ..... Deacon  
 Harold Sawtelle ..... Deacon  
 Frank Telich ..... Deacon

## PARISH STAFF

Brian J. Corey..... Pastoral Minister  
 Terry Gloe ..... Maintenance  
 Margaret Iossi..... Director of Religious Ed.  
 Mary Johnson ..... Secretary/Receptionist  
 Marcia Potts..... Pastoral Associate/Finance  
 Tim Van Roy ..... Development/Property Manager  
 Christy Vranes.... Parish/Religious Ed. Coordinator

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bill Menousek 895-2627 ..... President  
 Karin Martinez 896-4607 ..... Vice President

## REGISTRATIONS

In the Narthex by the Family Room

## HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a family member are admitted into the hospital and would like to be visited by a priest, **please call the parish office at (402) 895-0808.** Hospitals no longer contact us with names of patients.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:30-5:00pm Saturday, and by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

See schedule in bulletin for dates of Baptism Classes and Masses.

## WEDDINGS

Contact church at least six months in advance.

## MOVING

Contact parish office (402) 895-0808

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday by 12:00 noon.  
 All bulletin information submitted will be subject to review for content and editing due to space availability.

## LECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements to be read at Masses need to be into the parish office by NOON on Friday and are subject to review for content.

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